more on the merits of the matter when the discussion comes later on. Whether up on the facts said by the Hon'ble Member for Labour there is a matter of public importance fit to be discussed in this House.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* May I say one word by way of explanation. The motion for adjournment turns round the question whether the Government have acted right after knowing that there has been a lock-out. The question is whether the Government should not have prosecuted already the management for having locked out these workers. I submit that the Government have stated that they will not take any action on that point. The matter came to the notice of the Government recently and the police is enquiring into the case. We have to refer the matter to our legal officer and only after ascertaining their views can we decide whether this will come under notification No. 57, dated 23rd October 1945. It is too early to say what action Government are going to take in this matter and unless that is known it is correct to say that Government have acted wrongly. Therefore it is premature now to bring such a motion before this House.

Rao Sahib K. Ayyappan *(Ezhuvas-Kanayannur):* It has already been very much prolonged. Therefore the labourers will be coerced.

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* The question before this House now is whether the Government have acted right or wrong after receiving information on this matter. I submit that Government are making enquiries in this matter. We have to receive the Police Commissioner's report about the matter and we have to refer it to our legal officers because the question is not so easy as it pretended to be. This notification will apply only to Industries which are for maintaining supplies and services essential to the life of the community. Whether this particular establishment wi l come under the purview of this no ification is a real point of doubt and that point has to be decided.

Mr. President: I do not think that there should be any further discussion at this stage. I shall consider the admissibility of this motion and give my ruling after questions to-morrow.

Announcement of Panel Chairmen

Mr. President: I have now to announce that I have appointed to the Panel of the Chairman Rao Bahadur T. S. Narayana Ayyar and Mr. Puthur Achutha Menon.

Announcement regarding election of Members to the Advisory Committee for Labour

Mr. President: The election of the two members to the Advisory Committee will be held on Wednesday. Nominations will be received by the Secretary to the Legislative Council up to 5 p m. to-morrow, Tuesday 27th November 1945.

Announcement of Bills assented and dissented to by H. H. the Maharaja

Secretary to the Council: Under S. O. 5 (2) I have to announce the bills assented to and dissented to by His Highness the Maharaja.

Bills assented to.—

(1) Preservation of Eries Bill.
(2) The dissolution of Muslim Marriage Bill.
(3) The Cochin Arbitration Bi l.
(4) The Cochin Industrial S.atistics Bill.

Bills dissented to.—

(1) The Cochin Specific Relief Act (Amendment Bill) by Mr. K. Narayana Menon.

Condolence motion on the demise of Mr. M. P. Cheriyan

Rama Varmha Tampuran, M.B.E. *(Secretary to Government):* With your permission I wish to move the following condolence motion for the consideration and acceptance of this House.

> "This House places on records its deep sense of sorrow on the sad demise of Mr. M. P. Cheriyan, who had been for some time the Joint Secretary to Government and an official Member of this House."

Several Members of this House will remember Mr. Cheriyan who was one of the earliest Joint Secretaries of this Government. With his very affable manners and easy accessible nature

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